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The Provincial Benefits Branch of this Ministry is being relocated at 2195 Yonge Street. The move also includes a major re-organization of the Branch and is scheduled to be completed on the weekend of December 21st - 22nd.

The branch will be re-organized on a geographical basis rather than on the basis of clients' reference numbers as before. There will be five major areas: Central, East, North, West (One) and West (Two).

Area responsibilities have been assigned as follows:

1. The Central Area - all clients currently serviced by the Metro Toronto District Office. The geographical area serviced is Metropolitan Toronto. The Section Supervisor will be Mr. Don McKee who can be reached at 965-9199.



2. The Eastern Area - all clients currently serviced by the District Offices in Ottawa (Renfrew), Belleville, Lindsay, Cornwall and Kingston. The geographical area served is Northumberland, Prince Edward, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Prescott and Russell, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Frontenac, Ontario, Victoria, Durham, Peterborough and Haliburton Counties, Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and the Lanark and Renfrew Counties. The Section Supervisor will be Mr. Earl Mulliette who can be reached at 965-9311.

3. The Northern Area - all clients currently serviced by the District Offices in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Kirkland Lake, Kenora and Thunder Bay. The geographical area served is: District of Algoma, Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts, Counties of Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Cochrane, Temiskaming, District of Kenora and Rainy River and Thunder Bay. The Section Supervisor will be Mr. G. Killer who can be reached at 965-9201.

4. The West (One) Area - all clients currently serviced by the District Offices in Hamilton (Simcoe), St. Catharines and York-Peel. The geographical area served is: Halton, Wentworth, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk counties, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Peel county and the Regional Municipality of York. The Section Supervisor will be Mr. John Carson who can be reached at 965-9197.

5. The West (Two) Area - all clients currently serviced by the District Offices in Barrie (Owen Sound), Waterloo, London (Wingham) and Windsor (Chatham). The geographical area served is: Simcoe, Dufferin, Grey and Bruce, Wellington and Waterloo, Huron, Perth, Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Essex, Kent and Lambton Counties. The Section Supervisor will be Miss A. Behr who can be reached at 965-9183.

There is a Review Section where the prime responsibility will be activities related to cases being appealed to the Board of Review. The Supervisor will be Mrs. Mary Lopatto who can be reached at 965-5311.

The Director of the Branch, Mr. William Smith, and the Acting Assistant Director, Mrs. Shirley Niggemeyer, will continue to be available at their present numbers: 965-2648 and 965-5936, respectively.

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- A) Changes to Family Benefits effective May 1, 1975 and General Welfare Assistance effective June 1, 1975.

1. Increased Ordinary Needs

The Ordinary Needs Schedules of the Family Benefits and General Welfare Assistance Regulations have been revised. As examples, a mother with three children aged 0-9 was previously allowed \$224.00 per month for Ordinary Needs under FBA. She will now be entitled to \$259.00. A single person on GWA previously allowed \$75.00 per month will be entitled to \$102.00. The additional amounts for utilities and household supplies previously calculated separately under GWA are now included in the Ordinary Needs Schedule. For most cases, increases in the Ordinary Needs Schedules ranged from 12% to 18% for both programs.

2. Increased Shelter

The basic shelter maxima have increased in both FBA and GWA. The single rate went from \$70.00 per month to \$75.00. The shelter rate for residences occupied by two beneficiaries where fuel is an additional expense, increased from \$110.00 to \$120.00 per month and where rent includes the cost of fuel the rate increased from \$120.00 to \$130.00. In cases where there are more than two beneficiaries these basic amounts are increased by \$5.00 for each additional beneficiary.

3. Increased Rates for Foster Children

Those on FBA and GWA who are receiving an allowance on behalf of foster children will receive an additional \$5.00 per child per month.

4. Increased Maximum Amounts

For a family of four the previous maximum Family Benefits allowance was \$450.00. Due to increased in other components of the allowance, this amount is now \$480.00. For GWA purposes the maximum has increased from \$430.00 to \$460.00. Added to these amounts is \$20.00 for each beneficiary in excess of four.

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B) Changes in Family Benefits Only

1. Increased GAINS Levels

The monthly income guarantee for the elderly, blind and disabled has increased from \$230.50 to \$240.00. In addition, the marginal assistance rates for the dependents of GAINS recipients have increased. For example, a four person family previously guaranteed \$436.50 will be guaranteed \$472.00 where one beneficiary is disabled or blind.

2. Increased Board and Lodging Rates

The minimum and maximum rates used to determine the expenses of those boarding have been revised. The rate for one person which ranged from \$113.00 to \$170.00 will now range from \$128.00 to \$190.00. For two people \$194.00 to \$250.00 becomes \$226.00 to \$290.00

3. Additional Items

Back to school allowances, the provision of hearing aids and eye glasses and additional incentives to encourage part time and full time employment have been approved for implementation at a later date. Further details on these items will appear in the next bulletin when regulations and procedures have been developed.

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